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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of references A1-A356, B1-B54, C1-C54 are not enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) because they were submitted to or cited by the U.S. Patent Office in earlier-filed U.S.S.N. 10/032,712, which is relied upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Applicant also makes the U.S. Patent Office aware of U.S.S.N. 09/981,634 (issued as U.S. Patent 6,620,202)(Reference A357) and U.S.S.N. 10/032,712 (Reference A358), and the contents of the file wrappers for these applications. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of these references are not enclosed.

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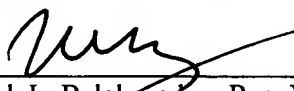
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